



Sandgate Primary School

Everyone deserves the taste of success

Newsletter

Issue 1

Friday 4th September 2026

What a fantastic start we have had to the new school year despite it only being for two days!

It has been wonderful to welcome all of our children back to school this week and to see our classrooms buzzing with enthusiasm, curiosity and smiles. A special welcome goes to our new pupils and families who have joined our school community not just in the Bumblebees and Ladybirds but in other year groups too. The children have settled exceptionally well into their new classes and routines. Staff have been incredibly impressed by the positive attitudes, kindness and resilience shown already.

This week has focused on establishing expectations, developing classroom routines and creating a calm, purposeful environment where every child can thrive. Thank you to all of you who attended Meet The Teacher. The Medium Term Plans for each year group can be found on the website.

Attendance Matters - Excellent attendance remains one of the most important factors in ensuring children achieve their full potential. Every day in school counts. The gates are open from 8.30am to 8.45am every day. Learning starts in class from 8.30am so arriving at this time will always be best. Should your child have continuing late marks (arriving via the office after 8.45am) then a member of the school's leadership team will be in contact with you to see how we can support you with ensuring your child arrives at school on time. If your child is absent from school, you must call the school office each day of their absence and leave a message. We have a statutory safeguarding duty to know where every child is when they attend our school. Thank you for your support with this.

Medication Reminder - We always ask that timing of antibiotics/medication is carefully planned to avoid the school day however we know sometimes this is not possible. If your child has medication which **must** be given during the school day, please bring it to the school office to complete the relevant forms. It is stored safely in the school office.

Have a wonderful weekend and we are looking forward to our first full week next week

Best Wishes

Mrs L Jones

Acting Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 8th September: Meet the teacher for Year R, 3.15pm to 3.45pm

Tuesday 8th September: PTA Meeting, 7.00pm

Thursday 10th September: Kent Test

Friday 11th September: Foundation Stay and Play Event, 3.15pm—4.00pm

Monday 14th September: Flu Vaccinations

Friday 18th September: Crafting Event,

Bumblebees with Parents, 9am-10am

Friday 25th September: Crafting Event,

Ladybirds with Parents. 9am-10am.

Forest School in Term 1 for Year 6

**Eagles, Mondays, 14th, 21st, 28th September,
5th, 12th, 19th October**

**Gorillas, Tuesdays, 15th, 22nd, 29th September,
6th, 13th, 20th October**



Kent Test

For children starting secondary school in September 2027

If your child is currently in Year 5, and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school, register online at kent.gov.uk/kenttest

Registration opens on 1 June 2026 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2026

Who is the Kent Test for?

The Kent Test is for children who wish to apply for a Kent Grammar school place for September 2027 and are either resident in the UK or are the children of UK Service Personnel / other Crown Servants returning to the UK. A list of Kent Grammar schools can be found [here](#). Schools in Medway, Bexley and Bromley are outside the Kent Local Authority area. If you live outside Kent, please consider carefully before registering whether your child can attend the testing session in Kent, and how they would travel to school if they were offered a school place in Kent.

How do I register for the Kent Test?

Go to kent.gov.uk/kenttest and create an online account for yourself as parent/guardian. Add your child's details to your account to start the registration process. When you have completed and submitted your registration you should get a confirmation email. If you do not, the registration may not have been completed correctly. (Tip: Please check your junk/spam folder for the email before contacting us!)

What if my child has access requirements?

If your child has a disability or SEN which will affect their access to testing, you should discuss this with their primary school before registering them, as the school will need to apply for any necessary access arrangements. Requests will not be accepted after 1 July 2026.

What happens after I register?

If your child attends a school outside Kent, we will email you details of their test centre by the end of August. Let us know if after registration you move house, change your email address or your child changes primary school. Otherwise, their test papers may go to the wrong place, or you may not get their results.

How do I apply for a Kent Grammar school?

You apply by naming the school as a preference on your Local Authority's secondary application form.

If my child is assessed suitable for grammar school by the Kent Test, will I automatically be offered a grammar school place?

No, a Kent Grammar school assessment does not guarantee your child a place in a Kent Grammar school. Grammar schools are often oversubscribed, meaning more children apply than the school has room for. Oversubscribed schools use their admission criteria to rank applicants in priority order, so it's important to check the admission criteria for schools you are interested in. A Kent Grammar school can only consider your child for a place if you have named it on your application and your child has been tested and assessed suitable for admission. If your child is not offered a place at the school, you can appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel and may be able to add them to the school's waiting list.

Key dates

Monday 1 June 2026 Registration opens at kent.gov.uk/kenttest. You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.

Wednesday 1 July 2026 Registration closes at midnight. If your child attends a school outside Kent, you will receive an email by the end of August with your Allocated Test Centre.

Thursday 10 September 2026 Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.

Saturday 12 September 2026 / Sunday 13 September 2026 Children who attend primary schools outside Kent or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.

Thursday 15 October 2026 Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.

Need help?

Further information about the test and about transport to grammar school for low-income families can be found on our website at kent.gov.uk. If your child is outside the age range for the test, or cannot take the test on a Saturday please email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk.

For help registering please email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk. Only one registration per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of registration. Keep your login details safe and use the email address you registered for for all communication with the team.



PE in Term 1
Mondays, Years 1, 2 & 5
Tuesdays, Years 3 & 4
Wednesday, Years 1 & 5
Thursday, Years 2 & 3
Friday, Years 4 & 6



Monday 7th September	Tuesday 8th September	Wednesday 9th September	Thursday 10th September	Friday 11th September
Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co.uk 07548 294804)	Karate, 3.30pm-4.30pm (Please contact Sensei Trevor on 07966686377)	Rocksteady PM Gymnastics 3.15pm-4.15pm (Please contact: info@venturecamps.co.uk 07548 294804) Next Gen Football Club, 3.15pm-4.15pm. NEXTGENERATIONSPORTS COACHING.ORG	Rocksteady PM Dance Club 3.15pm-4.00pm. Year 1—Year 6 (Please contact Charley on 07772 637271) If there is someone else collecting your child from Dance Club, please inform Charley directly.	

Astor
Secondary School

YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE STARTS HERE

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2026
4:45PM - 7:30PM

HEADTEACHER TALK AT 6PM

- EXPLORE** our school
- MEET** our teachers and students
- DISCOVER** our subjects and opportunities
- EXPERIENCE** what it means to be a part of Astor

IN ACTION TOURS WILL BE BOOKABLE ON THE EVENING
We look forward to welcoming you to Astor!

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WHY CHOOSE ASTOR?

Astor is a school moving forward. Our 2026 results show real progress, with rising standards, more higher grades and young people successfully progressing to their next steps.

GCSE SUCCESS 2026

STRONGER RESULTS. HIGHER GRADES. BRIGHTER FUTURES.

More Grade 6-9 across subjects than in any of the previous four years.

Grade 4+ in English & Mathematics increased by approximately 14 percentage points in one year.

Our higher-attaining students achieved 100% Grade 4+ across their subjects, with 49% at Grade 6+.

Our students progress to:

- University
- Apprenticeships
- Further Studies
- Training
- Employment

ASTOR SIXTH FORM
100% of Astor students who applied to university in 2026 secured their place.

EVERY STUDENT. EVERY OPPORTUNITY. EVERY FUTURE.



BROCKHILL PARK PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING

for parents and pupils of our prospective year 7's.

TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2026

- ★ Principal's Speech
- ★ Meet our staff...
- ★ Watch performances...Take part in activities...
- ★ See our School Farm...

5 - 7.30pm

Brockhill Park Performing Arts College, Sandling Road, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent CT21 4HL

www.brockhill.kent.sch.uk 01303 265521

Star & Sail Family Club & **The WonderLab Project**

HOME ED & AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS AVAILABLE

HANDS-ON. CURIOUS. CREATIVE. POWER UP YOUR IMAGINATION!

7-WEEK BLOCK
LEGO ROBOTICS
BUILD. CODE. CREATE. BRIGHT FUTURES!

£122.50
(1HR SESSION PER WEEK)
(£122.50 FOR £17.50 PER SESSION)

DATES: SEPTEMBER: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
OCTOBER: 6th, 13th, 20th

7-WEEK BLOCK
JUNIOR ELECTRICIANS
EXPLORE. CONNECT. POWER. DISCOVER.

£122.50
(1HR SESSION PER WEEK)
(£122.50 FOR £17.50 PER SESSION)

DATES: NOVEMBER: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
DECEMBER: 1st, 8th, 15th

AGES 5-10 YEARS OLD
AGES 11+
SESSIONS ALSO AVAILABLE

HANDS-ON LEARNING Build, test & problem solve!

BUILD CONFIDENCE Boost creativity, critical thinking & resilience!

MAKE FRIENDS Work together, share ideas & have fun!

REAL WORLD SKILLS Learn skills for today & the future!

VENUE: STAR & SAIL PLAY STUDIO AT LATHE BARN, ROMNEY MARSH TN29 0JN

The WonderLab Project Building Scientists of the Future

FAMILIES WELCOME! Inspiring young minds together.



SKYDIVE TO RAISE MONEY FOR RADNOR PARK LADIES FC.
ON SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
CLAIRE BERESFORD WILL BE JUMPING OUT OF AN AIRPLANE FROM 12,000FT.
HELP US REACH HER FUNDRAISING GOAL BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW



Scan to donate

Help us reach our £1,000 target!

Make a donation with **JustGiving**

SAVE THE DATE!

FOLKESTONE RUGBY CLUB
ONWARDS & UPWARDS
EST 1973

OUR OPEN DAY IS COMING!

TRY RUGBY. MAKE FRIENDS. BUILD CONFIDENCE. HAVE FUN!

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

9AM U5 & U6 Reception & Year 1

10AM U7-15 Year 2 to Year 10

2 WEEKS FREE TO HAVE A TRY (T.P.W. INTENDED)

FREE INFLATABLES **FOOD** **BAR**

ALL WELCOME!

DEVELOP SKILLS & CONFIDENCE **MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE** **BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER**

A COMMUNITY CLUB FOR PLAYERS, COACHES, PARENTS & SUPPORTERS

ONWARDS & UPWARDS

LEIGH TITCHER, Head of Junior Rugby 01797 771024 leigh.titcher@gmail.com

These clubs are outside providers and are not run by the school. Please contact them directly for information on bookings and payments.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Creative after school care for years 2-6

Creative, hands-on fun!

- Painting
- Crafting
- Lego
- Den building
- Fun-packed playroom

Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs
16:00 - 18:00

£12.00
+£2 to collect from Sandgate Primary

Smile Sandgate
21 Sandgate High Street
www.smilesandgate.co.uk



Bilingual Sing
Love Learning Languages

French Lunch Clubs at Sandgate Primary School

Supports the MFL language objectives

We make languages fun again!

No sitting at desks

Multi-Award Winning!

Language clubs this Autumn Term
On Fridays
12.30-13.00: French for Year 1 & 2
13.00 -13.30: French for Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

£53 for a block of 10 French classes during lunch time. Starting from Friday 1st May. Places are limited so please book online with the link sent in the email or get in touch!

charlotte@bilinguasing.com www.bilinguasing.com



KIDS YOGA AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

NEW

Wednesdays, 15.15 - 16.10pm
Sandgate Primary School

Foundation, Year 1 & 2 classes
6 week term | £48/term

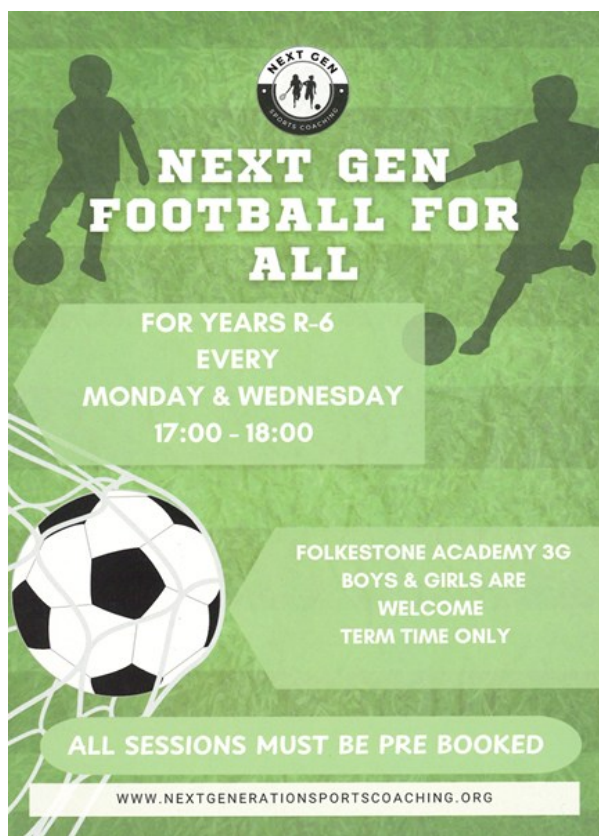
Dates: Sep 16th, 23rd, 30th, Oct 7th, 14th and 21st

SAVE £5
USE CODE: SAVE£5
Book by 10/09

A chance for kids to slow down after school, have some fun, move and learn simple tools for breathing, mindfulness and relaxation

www.cheekymono.co.uk/book-online

YEARS 3-6 YOGA CLUB COMING SOON, WAITLIST OPEN, JOIN ONLINE



NEXT GEN FOOTBALL FOR ALL

FOR YEARS R-6
EVERY
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
17:00 - 18:00

FOLKESTONE ACADEMY 3G
BOYS & GIRLS ARE WELCOME
TERM TIME ONLY

ALL SESSIONS MUST BE PRE BOOKED

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